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the encryption/decoding function with the secrete key and the encryption/decoding function with the secure key, and the keyboard manager with application program interface is included.

19. (New) A computer secure system comprising the secure adapter, the keyboard and the computer system according to Claim 6, where a separate secure key for entering secure mode setup/clearing command is incorporated in said keyboard and/or the secure mode setup/clearing command can be created by the combination of existing key codes, the computer system has the secure key creation function, the encryption/decoding function with the secrete key and the encryption/decoding function with the secure key, and the keyboard manager with application program interface is included.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends Claims 5 and 7 so that these claims are no longer multiply dependent. New claims 12-19 have been added to provide similar coverage. The Applicant may elect to amend Claims 5 and 7 to make them again multiply dependent or to add additional claims to this application to provide coverage similar to, broader than, or narrower than the present claims at any time during the pendency of the above-identified U.S. application.

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